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Learning to Learn Online - Helping Online Students Navigate Online Learning

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Session Type: Formal Presentation

Session Title: Learning to Learn Online - Helping Online Students Navigate Online Learning

Availability: Anytime

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Presentation Abstract:

Students spend the first 13 years of their schooling learning how to be good students in the physical classroom, but receive little to no direct instruction in how to be successful online students. By developing a “Learning to Learn Online” module for students new to online learning at UNO, the Office of Digital Learning is helping prepare students to be successful online learners and freeing up faculty to focus on course content rather than instruction in the use of digital tools or study skills. This session will introduce strategies for developing and implementing similar online student-readiness programs to prepare students for success in online courses. The “Learning to Learn Online” resource developed at UNO will serve as a model for illustrating these strategies. Extensive collaboration and consultation with online students and instructors, shows that the 90% of students at UNO who take at least one online class during their course of study need support in order to be prepared for online classes. This session invites faculty to take advantage of the currently available resources and encourages digital learning administrators, advisors, and student support service providers to develop their own school-specific resources.

Importance:

Attendees will learn about resources available and strategies for developing similar resources to prepare students for online learning. Special attention will be paid to describing instructional gap and providing support for filling it in. Those interested in creating their own resources will be introduced to key areas of instruction including tools used in online courses, the importance of time management and good study skills, and dispelling common myths about online learning.

Suggested Audience: General Audience

Presentation Needs:

Computer, projector, table, and electrical outlet. Also, a slide advancer/clicker